activists and other to order a study on the suitability of declaring Medara community of Andhra Pradesh in the ST. category;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such a study has been ordered;

(d) if so, the status of this study; and

(e) the steps proposed to give such status to the Medara community of the State?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (e) The Anthropological Survey of India (ASI) was addressed on 24th April, 2000 to conduct a study on the Medara community. The ASI has furnished a write-up on the community but the material supplied was found to be inadequate in respect of details required for considering the case of a community for inclusion as Scheduled Tribe as per the approved criterion. The ASI has been again reminded to submit the report.

Inclusion of 'Puroik' and 'Bangru' as Sub-Tribes

574. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh in its sitting held on the 19th of August, 2003 had passed a resolution that the name of "Dafla" tribes be substituted by "Nyishi" including "Puroik" and "Bangru" as a sub-tribes in the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950;

(b) whether Government have received similar demands from the other NGOs and political parties of the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to redress such demands and the reasons for the inadvertent delay in bringing necessary constitutional amendment to that effect?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The approved modalities for inclusion/exclusion of any community in the list of Scheduled Tribes under Article 342 of the Constitution require consultation with various agencies such as State Government, Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, which

takes time. These proposals have been processed as per the approved modalities.

Lack of employment opportunities in urban areas

†575. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment opportunities have decreased against the requirement due to sudden increase in population in urban areas of the country during the last decade;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the number of unemployed persons in the urban areas during the year 2004-05 and unskilled unemployed persons out of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) As per the information available from the employment and unemployment Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization, estimated employment in the country on usual status basis has gone up from around 374.5 million in 1993-94 to around 397.0 million in 1999-2000. Details of employment in Rural and Urban areas are as under:

	Employment (in millions)	
	1993-94	1999-2000
Rural	292.0	301.0
Urban	82.5	96.0
TOTAL	374.5	397.0

The number of job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with employment exchanges in the country as on 31.8.2005 was 3.98 crore. Skill-wise information is not maintained.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.